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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 August 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communication: filed on 10 August 2004, with an original application filed 17 August 2000.
2. Claims 1-20 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 10, and 17 are independent claims. Claims 1, 2, 5, 10, 12, 17, and 20 have been amended.

Response to Arguments

3. Due to new grounds for rejection Applicant's arguments filed 10 August 2004 are moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language

5. **Claims 1-4, 6-10, 11, and 13-19**, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Henrie U.S. Patent No. 6,804,669 (hereinafter '669).

As to independent claim 10, “A method for providing ownership identification information of lost electronic devices, comprising: displaying the ownership identification information on the display of the electronic device when selecting an information mechanism” is taught in '669 col. 2, lines 34-37;

“providing protected access to data stored on the electronic device when the information mechanism is activated” is shown in ‘669 col. 2, lines 49-53;

“and storing, retrieving and updating the ownership identification information on a global database” is disclosed in ‘669 col. 2, lines 13-23;

“and tracing the electronic device with an Internet communications device if an attempt is made to improperly access secure data or initiate Internet services on the electronic device” is taught in ‘669 col. 2, lines 38-41.

As to dependent claim 11, **“wherein the global database stores a unique serial number of the electronic device along with ownership identification information so that each owner's identification information is associated with each unique serial number”** is shown in ‘669 col. 2, lines 13-14.

As to dependent claims 13 and 14, **“wherein the ownership identification information includes at least one of instructions for returning the electronic device or information relating to the owner”** and **“wherein the information relating to the owner includes at least one of the owner's name, contact telephone number, return address or Internet World Wide Web site”** are taught in ‘669 col. 2, lines 35-38.

As to dependent claims 15 and 16, **“wherein the electronic device is a portable computer”** and **“wherein the electronic device is a personal data assistant”** are shown in ‘669 col. 1, lines 61-64.

As to independent claim 1, this claim is directed to the security system of the method of claim 10 and is rejected along the same rationale.

As to dependent claim 2, “wherein the communications device is coupled to a worldwide network for accessing a global database” is taught in ‘669 col. 2, lines 31-34.

As to dependent claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9, these claim contain substantially similar subject matter as claims 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, and 16 and are rejected along the same rationale.

As to independent 17, this claim is directed to the identification and security system of method 10 and is rejected along the same rationale (i.e. “information button” same as “information mechanism”).

As to dependent claim 18, this claim contains substantially similar subject matter as claim 2 and is rejected along the same rationale.

As to dependent claims 19, this claim contains substantially similar subject matter as claims 11 above and is rejected along the same rationale.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. **Claims 5, 12, and 20** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over ‘669 in further view of Cotichini et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,300,863 (hereinafter ‘863).

As to dependent claim 12, the following is not disclosed in ‘669: **“further comprising storing lost or stolen history activity of the electronic device”** however ‘863 teaches “As will be explained in more detail below, when the Agent goes into “alert” mode in the Internet

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application, the Agent initiates a traceroute routine which provides the host with the Internet communication links that were used ... These addresses and the times that they were accessed are compared with internal logs of the proxy server that record its clients' Internet access history" in col. 11, line 65 through col. 12, line 18.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify a system and method for preventing unauthorized use of a device taught in '699 to include a means record the history activity of the electronic device. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to perform such a modification to improve the means of tracing and locating stolen devices see '863 (col. 1, lines 51 et seq.) "It is therefore an object of the invention to provide an improved means for tracing or locating smaller lost or stolen objects".

As to dependent claims 5 and 19, these claim contain substantially similar subject matter as claims 12; therefore they are rejected along the same rationale.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a). A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

8 The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Dailey U.S. Patent No. 6,725,379 issued dated: Apr. 20, 2004

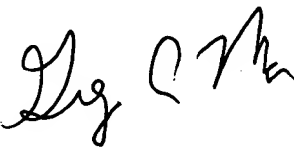
9 Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ellen C Tran whose telephone number is

(571) 272-3842. The examiner can normally be reached from 6:30 am to 3:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory A Morse can be reached on (571) 272-3838. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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